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[redacted] Harvard University Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology, was interviewed at his office on the Harvard University campus, and later telephonically. [redacted] was made aware of the identity of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview. [redacted] agreed to answer the Equivocal Death Questions regarding Dr. DON C. WILEY, and voluntarily provided the following information:

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[redacted] knew Wiley for approximately thirty-five (35) years prior to Wiley's death, since 1966. [redacted] describes their relationship as very close professional colleagues and very close personal friends. [redacted] spoke with Wiley almost every day.

[redacted] last saw Wiley in the lab at the end of the week prior to Wiley's disappearance. [redacted] does not remember any details regarding this encounter. [redacted] had not noticed any behavioral or emotional changes in Wiley during the time leading up to his disappearance.

[redacted] describes Wiley as an enthusiastic, very focused, stable, steady, and dedicated to his research and to his family. [redacted] believes that Wiley's colleagues would describe him as one with contagious enthusiasm and scientific integrity.

[redacted] did not know of any stress in Wiley's life. Wiley had mentioned concerns to [redacted]

[redacted] Wiley and [redacted] had [redacted] Wiley approached this problem and all stresses in his life using an analytic, systematic approach.

[redacted] believes that Wiley would confide in [redacted] [redacted] and occasionally [redacted] in personal matters, and [redacted] in professional matters. [redacted] suggested that the FBI should speak to [redacted]

[redacted] has never known Wiley to make any suicidal statements or have any suicidal thoughts. [redacted] does not believe that Wiley committed suicide, and believes that Wiley's death was probably something similar to the explanation offered by the Memphis Medical Examiner, which was printed in the papers.

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[redacted] acknowledged that the mystery surrounding Wiley's death is a) why Wiley's car was on the bridge and b) what Wiley was doing between midnight and 4:00 am on the night of his disappearance. [redacted] has thought extensively about the issue, and has come up with a number of explanations, but does not favor any of them. [redacted] has traveled with Wiley in the past to out-of-town meetings, and knows that after social functions, Wiley has generally returned to his room to work, or has gone out to explore the city culture where the conference is being held. As a result, [redacted] would not be surprised to see Wiley wandering into a blues club in Memphis and having several drinks while he listened to music. [redacted] also is not surprised that Wiley stayed out so late, as the bulk of the conference was over, and Wiley may have simply planned to go in late the next day. [redacted] did not have an explanation as to how Wiley ended up on the bridge

[redacted] does not believe that Wiley would have gone out just to drink. Wiley may have tried to pick up a woman in his younger days, but [redacted] does not believe it to be likely in the last twenty (20) years. Wiley has never mentioned other women or adult entertainment, and [redacted] believes that Wiley was so fulfilled in his personal and family life that there wasn't any tension or self-doubt which would have led to extra-marital activity.

[redacted] knows that Wiley was born in Ohio, and grew up in New Jersey. Due to his formative years being spent in New Jersey, Wiley saw New York as his "cultural center." Wiley's father is a retired chemist who worked for a small company, although [redacted] is not sure of the company name. [redacted] believes that Wiley's father may have had influence on Wiley's career in science. Wiley's parents retired to Memphis and remained married until his mother's death two (2) years ago. Wiley's family was "nominally Protestant," but Wiley had no serious religious upbringing. Wiley also was not very religious during his adult years.

Wiley had a "good healthy relationship" with his parents. Wiley believed that it was ok that his father was dating again after his mother's death. [redacted] believes that if Wiley was thinking of staying away from his father's home on the night of his death, it was more out of respect for his father's privacy than out of disapproval. Wiley also was concerned with the well being of his siblings. Wiley once [redacted]

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made excuses to travel to where his older daughter lived in Seattle in order to spend time with her.

Scientific results and his family life would make Wiley happy. Petty irrationality by others could make Wiley angry. Wiley never was violent when he was angry, and expressed his anger through sarcasm. [redacted] believes that there isn't much that could shake Wiley's self confidence, except perhaps a direct challenge to his scientific work, which has not happened recently.

Wiley's strengths were his scientific brilliance and his "extraordinary ability to make logical and thoughtful decisions." His weakness likely was that he didn't quite see himself or the impact of his actions in quite the same way as others.

[redacted] does not have any information regarding Wiley's attitude toward law enforcement beyond the fact that Wiley is a standard good citizen.

[redacted] has never witnessed any significant mood changes in Wiley. Wiley reacted normally to the loss of his mother, with sadness but with no intense outward emotion.

[redacted] believes that Wiley would turn to [redacted] or [redacted] for personal advice, and would consult [redacted] or [redacted] for professional advice.

Wiley had been approached by a [redacted] of the Harvard School of Public Health, who asked Wiley if he could crystalize an anthrax fragment to determine if one part of the toxin might aid the anthrax proteins in entering human cells. The anthrax toxin has three (3) different proteins, and Wiley was approached about crystalizing one such protein. The crystal structure for the protein was later released, making the request moot. [redacted] noted that the strand that [redacted] provided to Wiley could not be "active" without the presence of antibodies that were not present in the lab. In addition, even if the strand was exposed to such antibodies, it would not have been toxic to humans.

[redacted] noted that this type of request is not unusual because after the anthrax attacks, most scientists in the Department would try to determine how their research area could help the government with the problem.

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also enjoyed fixing up his house, traveling, and more recently sailing. Wiley had joined a sailing club to teach sailing to his son. Wiley does not belong to any other groups or organizations other than scientific organizations, and does not embrace any form of a structured belief system which may have influenced his behavior beyond the conventional scientific system. [redacted] does not know of any days or dates which were significant to Wiley, and does not know of any prejudices that Wiley held beyond the fact that Wiley did not tolerate "fools."

Wiley had many friends, including approximately 6 close friends, and a number of other casual social friends and colleagues. Wiley's closest friends were 1) [redacted] 2) [redacted] [redacted] Wiley and [redacted] helped out with a scientific collaboration, and 3) [redacted] [redacted] a graduate school friend of Wiley.

[redacted] believes that Wiley owns a SAAB, which may be registered in [redacted] name. Wiley's driving habits were rather wild when he was younger. Wiley once lost his license from excessive speeding in approximately 1978. Wiley's driving had become much more conservative in more recent years. [redacted] knows of no financial problems.

Wiley has two (2) older children from his first marriage, who are fifteen (15) years apart. With the exception of the time period right around his [redacted] Wiley has always had an excellent relationship with his older children. Wiley frequently

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[redacted] knows that Wiley has one brother, but doesn't know much about him.

[redacted] described Wiley's appearance as "carefully put together" and very neat. Wiley dressed informally, but was always well dressed. Wiley frequently wore black, which [redacted] attributes to a sense of style. [redacted] believes that Wiley started wearing black when [redacted]

[redacted] described Wiley as neater and better groomed than most of his colleagues. Wiley had short beards for short periods of time, although [redacted] doesn't remember specifics. Wiley has not drastically changed his appearance since [redacted] has known him, other than the normal cultural changes that everyone made (ie, longer hair in the 1070s, etc.).

[redacted] knows that Wiley drinks, but can't remember seeing him seriously drunk. [redacted] may remember Wiley being drunk at parties when they were much younger. [redacted] stated that he is no longer much of a party goer, and therefore may not know the details of Wiley's drinking habits, but [redacted] does not think that there is an alcohol problem. [redacted] appeared nervous while answering questions regarding Wiley's alcohol use, and covered his eyes while answering some questions. [redacted] has no knowledge regarding drug use by Wiley, including prescription drugs, and knows that Wiley was not a smoker.

[redacted] does not have any information regarding Wiley's sleep patterns. Wiley usually came into the lab by 9:30 am, which is reasonable for academics, and usually left at around 7:00 pm. [redacted] knows that Wiley had a "mildly bad back," but did not know about the seizure disorder until [redacted] relayed the information to him. After hearing about the seizures from [redacted] was reminded of an incident during a Department retreat at Woods Hole, during which Wiley had some seizures in his hotel after a day of partying.

Wiley had an appropriate relationship with his colleagues. Wiley was often fiercely critical of colleagues as those in science tend to be, but was never inappropriate. Wiley was always very professional and attentive to his students. Wiley had no employment since graduate school other than Harvard University and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

Wiley's hobbies in his younger years included working on expensive automobiles that he bought cheaply and fixed up. Wiley